

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

THE DAY OF PENTECOST
"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

DIVINE HEALING IN THE ATONEMENT
"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."—Isa. 53:5.

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Come To The General Assembly of The Churches of God AND ALL THIS ASSEMBLY SHALL KNOW THAT THE LORD SAVETH NOT WITH SWORD AND WITH SPEAR: FOR THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S. - JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE THAT WHICH WAS LOST

And They Shall Take Up Serpents

Some have requested that I say something thru the Evangel on the subject of taking up serpents

B. L. Hicks

The five signs that are to follow believers are found in the sixteenth chapter of St. Mark.

Sign No. 1. "In my name shall they cast out devils." "Shall they" means "they shall." This is not a question. This statement means just what it says. It means that the believer can cast out devils just like Jesus and the apostles cast them out.

Sign No. 2. "They shall speak with new tongues." Tongues here does not mean that the believer shall quit talking bad talk and begin talking good talk. While this is a fact with the believer, yet "new tongues" here means new or different languages. There are different degrees of faith and of believing. Those who believe to that extent that they are baptized with the Holy Ghost always speak in new tongues.

Sign No. 3. "They shall take up serpents." Now we shall pass over sign No. 3, as many are doing, and discuss the other two and then come back to it.

Sign No. 4. "And if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them." The Syrian New Testament says, "And if they should drink a deadly poison it will not harm them." This means that if poison were slipped into our food to poison us because we believe in Christ, or that if we should eat or drink something poison thru mistake, it shall not hurt us if we believe to that extent.

Sign No. 5. "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." "The sick" here means those who are

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sick with physical sickness. And those who believe to that extent can lay hands on them and pray for them and they will be divinely healed.

As explained above, the "cast out devils" in sign No. 1, the "new tongues" in sign No. 2, the "deadly thing" in sign No. 4, and the "lay hands on the sick" in sign No. 5 mean just what they say. You can not spiritualize these signs. It means real devils, actually speaking in other tongues, literal poison and physical sickness. Then how about the serpents in sign No. 3? They are literal snakes. Further proof of this fact is that serpents have been handled by believers in these last days, under the power of the Spirit and this has been a convincing sign to unbelievers and has been to profit withal.

It is also a fact that some have made serpent handling a hobby, gone into fanaticism and brought reproach on the precious gospel of Christ. Some have been so fanatical as to say that we shall take up every serpent that we find. Consequently, some folks will stop along the road, if they see a serpent, and take it up. If that were right, then it would be right for us to lay hands on every sick person that we find and they would be healed. We could just go thru the hospitals and everywhere healing everybody. But this never has been done and never will be. Neither is it right to think that we should take up every snake that we see.

If I were going to specialize on any one of the signs, I would take laying hands on the sick as I would have a job when snakes are gone to den. And too, I would be doing more to bless

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We Looked To The Lord

SIBLEYVILLE, Ala.—I thank the dear Lord this morning for victory thru the precious blood of Jesus and for the freedom we have in serving Him. Jesus said as the Son has made us free we are free indeed. We find 1 Thess. 4:3 says, For this is the will of God, even your sanctification. If Jesus has willed it to us why shouldn't we feel like it belongs to us. I praise Him for a good revival we have just closed. The devil tried everything to keep me from going to this place. He said I couldn't do any good but the Word says that the devil is a liar and the father of it. We began to look to the Lord for a revival. The meeting ran three weeks. Eleven received the Holy Ghost, eleven were sanctified, nine were saved, six followed the Lord in water baptism, and three came into the church with others to follow. The writer did the preaching. We closed the meeting with good interest. Several seekers were at the altar. I want everybody who prays to pray that God will keep me humble. I want to always be a soul winner for Jesus. I am in the evangelistic work this year and open for calls anywhere.—Your brother in Christ, Carl Edward Richard.

God's Light Is Shining In Perry, Fla.

PERRY, Fla.—I am truly praising God this morning for His wonderful love and the way He has poured out His Spirit on the people in this place. It was a dark place but Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. His light shines in the darkest places.

I thank God for victory over sin and the devil. On May 10, 1931 Jesus wonderfully saved me. On the 16th I was sanctified and on the 29th He baptized me with the blessed Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. How it thrills me to know God's arm is not shortened that He cannot save or His ears dull that He cannot hear.

I thank God for our shepherd, Brother G. G. Prince. He is truly a God sent man to this lost sin cursed people. His whole heart is given to God for lost humanity. All the saints here love him. A large number has been added to the great Church of God here in the last four months. About fifty have been saved, most all of them having received the Holy Ghost. We still have a revival with thirty at the altar last night. Saints everywhere, pray to God that Perry will rise and shine for God as never before and that my everyday life will be a shining light for God and win lost souls for the kingdom. I desire a closer walk with Jesus. Pray that God will give us more unity. I am always on the altar for God.—A sister under the precious blood of Jesus, Mrs. Daisy Chancey.

Much Good Done

MENTONE, Ala.—We closed a meeting at the Church of God here Aug. 16. One was saved, two were reclaimed, and much good was done. The meeting closed with several in the altar. Everybody surely enjoyed hearing Brother Newman sing, "Come let us go Home." We hope to have him with us again sometime. Pray for the church out here.—Humbly yours, H. T. Miller.

Best Revival In Years

LINDALE, Ga.—On Aug. 9 we began a revival at Lindale, Ga. with Brother J. W. Culpepper in charge assisted by our pastor, Brother J. R. Davis. The Lord blessed from the beginning. After preaching nine nights Brother Culpepper had to leave us. We surely did appreciate his good messages and the good spirit he had. As he brought the messages numbers of people were weeping and when the altar call was made they would fill the long altar, crying out to the Lord for mercy. We surely do appreciate our state overseer. After Brother Culpepper left the meeting was continued by Brother J. R. Davis. At times the Holy Ghost would take charge and waves of glory could be felt. Sometimes thirty-eight were in the altar. At this writing nineteen have been filled with the Holy Ghost and numbers have been saved and sanctified. Sixteen were added to the church and sixteen followed the Lord in water baptism last Sunday.

The meeting continues at this writing. Many say this is the best revival we've had in years and the church is in better unity than it's ever been. We have a good Sunday School. Pray that God will give us many souls during this revival.—Your humble sister, Lois Smith.

Hungry For The Word

PRESTON, Ga.—I am praising God for victory over sin and because I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I am a member of the Church of God. I ask all the members of the Church of God to pray for me. Also pray for the people at this place. They want this wonderful salvation but they don't know how to seek for it. Pray that the Lord will send some Church of God minister here to preach the gospel to them. They are hungry for the Word of God. There is no Church of God here. Many of the people have never been in holiness services and desire to hear the Word. But how shall they hear without a preacher? The people here are very faithful in attending cottage prayer meeting. Many of our evangelists stop in the towns and cities and the people out in the country are perishing for the Word of God. I am sure that when Jesus was on earth He went out in the country and when He gave the disciples the commission to preach He said, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. I am sure He meant everywhere.

Thousands perish while you wait, While you counsel and debate, Heed you not that awful fate As they stray?—A sister under the blood, Florence Johnson, Rt. 2, Box 133.

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LIFE

G. D. McNair, McDonald, Miss.

"For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." Jas. 4:14.

For sometime I have been thinking, studying, praying, and pondering about this great subject. I know of no other subject that is so important and carries with it deeper and greater thoughts than that of life. Indeed, there are a number of great subjects but life involves the whole thing. This subject involves God's whole creation, fowls, animals, fish of the waters, the human family and evil soil. In fact, anything without life is almost useless.

Life has been and still is an eternal question. Its relations and problems are before us all the time. Life is continually a battle. We are continually facing life's problems and battles in every walk of life.

What is life? The text said it is a vapour. This is not a definition but a comparison. In a broad way of thinking, I do not think anyone knows or understands just what life really is. There are many attempted answers and most all differ.

This spring, 1931, I was in a very prominent city of this state, Mississippi, visiting an uncle of mine. He and I were down town standing on a very busy street corner. As we were talking of life and its various relations and problems my uncle said to me, Son, we see quite a number of people here today who seem to be happy and enjoying life. I said, Yes. Then he said, While they seem to be happy and contented with life, yet we do not know the trials, hardships, heartaches, and troubles which they have at home.

The origin of life was with God and our poor little finite minds do not understand nor perhaps never will

know just how it all came about. Some of our best educators are trying to believe that we came from monkeys, etc. but the Bible says, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." Gen. 1:27.

Now since our origin has already been just as it has I think we should study and pray more about its future and its destiny. We are not here just by chance. We all are eternity and judgment bound and oh how careful we should be in making the decision in life.

Some attempted answers have been given by people of the various walks of life. The poet said, "Life is a dream," but life is more than a dream, it is a reality and it is continually about us all the time. The atheist who denies the existence of God or any hereafter says, "We go to dust." While it is true that our bodies go to dust, Gen. 3:19, thanks be unto our God our souls will not remain. The agnostic who is a bit different from the atheist merely professes ignorance of God. He says he doesn't know, a leap in the dark. Many others have attempted to give an answer to the text, "What is your life?"

The problems and difficulties of life are many. Life is accompanied with both sunshine and shadows. Even the life of a Christian is not always smooth sailing. Sometimes the Christian has to go down thru rocky gorges and dark valleys. Some of the valleys of life are the valleys of sickness, Deut. 28:59. It seems as if Job might have passed thru here when afflicted from head to foot, Job 2:7, and no doubt it was often a dark valley for him. I can, in my mind, picture Job as he bore his sufferings with patience. (Please Look On Page Four)

Awake Thou That Sleepeth

"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." Rom. 13:11.

21 Filled With Holy Ghost

GAFFNEY, S. C.—I thank the Lord for the good holiness way. I am glad I am saved from all sin, sanctified holy and the Holy Ghost abides. I thank Him for the good revival we have had at this place. Brother J. C. Childers from Blacksburg, S. C. had charge of the meeting. From the very start people began to come from different directions. By Wednesday night we didn't have enough room for them, but oh what a meeting we had.

The meeting came to a close with the altar full of souls crying and praying for mercy. It ran four weeks closing Sunday night, Aug. 30, with thirty saved and sanctified and twenty-one filled with the Holy Ghost. Many more were blessed but we could not keep up with them as the crowds were so large. Thirty-two came into the church and twenty-nine were baptized in water with more to follow next Sunday. We have ground on which to build a new church. Pray much for this place that the Church of God will rise and shine for God.—Your brother in Christ, F. L. Mathes, clerk.

Everybody Seemed To Work In Harmony

We truly thank the Lord for the revival just closed at Canton, Ohio. The Lord is still blessing His children. Sister Nona Dame of Sesser, Ill. did the preaching with power. Some of the saints were heard to say it was the best meeting they had witnessed at Canton in ten years. Special music was rendered at every service. Everybody seemed to work in harmony and was willing to do all they could for the Lord. The meeting closed with six saved, six sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost and many at the altar seeking the Lord. We had water baptizing on Tuesday night and Sunday afternoon in which twenty-two were baptized. We closed the meeting with the Lord's Supper and feet washing.

We thank everyone who helped in this meeting and give them a hearty invitation back. We thank the Lord for Sister Nona Dame and we recommend her as a real Spirit filled evangelist and on fire for the Lord. Anyone desiring the real gospel would do well to get her for a meeting. We also desire all who read this to pray for us in the gospel work as we are just starting out in the service and mean by the Lord's help to fight the devil and sin.—Your brother and sister in Christ, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Staats, pastor of Canton church, Akron, O.

THE LORD IS SURELY BLESSING

HARTWELL, Ga.—I praise the dear Lord this morning for hearing and answering prayer. We have a revival going on here. Brother R. G. Looney of Anderson, S. C. is helping our pastor, Brother Odus Smith. The Lord surely is blessing. About nine or ten have been saved, three or four sanctified, three received the Holy Ghost. We thank God for our beloved pastor. He is a God sent man and stands for the Church of God and its upbuilding. He preaches the truth regardless of what comes or goes. The church has unanimously asked for his return next year. He has the confidence of the church and community. The church is in a better shape than it has been in a long time.—C. J. Risner.

Mrs. Irene Law

Oh, that every child of God could realize this and awake and be about our Father's business. There are so many of us sitting on the stool of nothing. We need to get up and shake off the dust that has settled on us by just being still. The text says, "And that, knowing the time." Yes, Jesus said no one knew the day nor the hour when He would return, but we do know that the things He told His disciples about that must come to pass before His return are already in the past and He left the Bible here for us to go by. It is our road map from earth to Glory. If you start out on a long journey, you will take a road map with you and as you pass thru the towns you can say, Here is this town. There are just so many more and then we will be there. That is the way with the Bible, we see the things pass before our eyes and yet here we sit not doing anything for our Master. Excuses! Oh yes, we have plenty of them, but will God accept them? Will they get us into the Marriage Supper? Oh, that God would shake us up for one of these days we will try to shake ourselves and, like Samson, will find we are without power and victory too.

The missionaries tell us that the Jewish calendar reads 1931, only nine more years till 2000 and something, has happened every two thousand years. At the end of the first two thousand the flood came; the second, Jesus came; and the third is almost up and the Jews are looking for Jesus to come back. We have only a very short

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time to work, just a few more days, and so many of our loved ones and friends out of the ark of safety. Oh that we might become burdened with prayer. I am willing to suffer and for God to carry me to the depth to see my friends and loved ones saved.

Isa. 66 says, For as soon as Zion travailed she brought forth her children. It has been said that whole towns have been moved by prayer. I believe every revival that God ever got glory out of came by prayer, and if we have any now and expect souls to get to God, it will take greater prayer. When some one sends in requests for prayer some of us name the request very lightly to the Lord. I am made to believe that Jesus is ashamed to call some of us brethren and sisters to the Father because we do so little for Him and for one another.

1 Thess. 5:6, Therefore let us not sleep as do others, but let us watch and be sober. That is what we need to do, awake, watch, and be sober. If Jesus should come and find us asleep or just nodding, do you think we would go with Him? No, I think not. As children of God we are so careless. We say we love Jesus and yet we will let the service pass and not testify. I feel the need of getting closer to God for the day is far spent and what is done for God must be done quickly. How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation? Saints, let us awake for surely our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. We do not want to be weighed in the balances and found wanting. Let us work more and pray for each other. The more we pray the closer we will get to God and the more He can use us and the farther we will get away from sleep.

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Editorials

The elders' council will meet on Oct. 5. The bishops' council will meet Oct. 9 in the Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary, spent the week-end with his relatives in Missouri. He returned to this office Sept. 29.

Preparation is being made for entertainment of the Assembly delegates. I. C. Barrett, Geo. A. Douglas, and Mrs. H. W. Watts are in charge.

We have a new helper in the office, Miss Cletta Wales from Louisiana. Our general office force is rendering good service and the business in the Evangel Office is going forward in that good old fashioned way.

Our "Radiant Gems" song book is selling fast. The musical department added to the Church of God bids fair to be a paying business. We hope our needling musical supplies in any way will correspond with us before purchasing.

We are now in the busy rush getting out orders for Sunday School literature. If you have not ordered please do so at once. If you do not receive your orders promptly, let us know. If your orders are not exactly as you have ordered them, we will be glad to make any correction.

We are looking forward to the greatest Assembly we have ever had. The weather will be mild and nice. We have plenty of camping ground. Come and bring your tent and camp. We also have plenty of homes for all those who wish to stay in homes. We will be glad to see eight or ten thousand.

The revival in Cleveland continues. Over one hundred have been converted and sanctified, sixty-seven received the Holy Ghost, fifty-one have been baptized, thirty-eight came into the church, and the altar is full of seekers. It is the most far reaching revival in seven years in Cleveland.

A telegram from Greenville, S. C.: "Revival closed. 200 converted, 100 sanctified, 108 men and women received Holy Ghost, 13 children received Holy Ghost, 11 backsliders received Holy Ghost, 96 came into the church, 87 baptized in water. The greatest revival in the history of this church." Zeno C. Tharp, pastor; Harry L. Whittington, state overseer.

We wish to state to all those who are using our Sunday School literature that the golden texts on the picture rolls and also on the cards are printed by the Lithograph Company before we receive them. These golden texts are from the revised version and while it does not change the meaning of the Word, yet it is changed, or at least some of the words are changed or different from the St. James translation. We hope our people will consider this and not think we are printing them in this way. There is no way

Good Revivals

BOONEVILLE, Miss.—I came home from camp meeting to find some folks here with Brother Gore in a meeting out in the country. Brother Gore was preparing to close the meeting and leave for another place. I felt like the meeting ought to go on as the people were stirred so. I sent Brother Blackwood to Oak Grove to begin a meeting there and I stayed and carried the meeting on for about nine days longer. Ten received the Holy Ghost and I don't know how many were saved. Eight came into the church and I baptized ten in water. Four have received the Holy Ghost since the meeting closed.

After closing the meeting I went to Oak Grove to the meeting there. They were having a wonderful time when I arrived. Brother Blackwood was preaching, the power was falling. God was blessing, and souls were rushing to the altar and crying out to God for mercy. The meeting continued another week. The crowds came. Brother Blackwood preached. About nine received the Holy Ghost, six came into the church, six were baptized in water. The meeting came to a close with about thirty in the altar. I am expecting to run another meeting there before the Assembly.

We came back to Booneville and began a meeting here that night. We have been praying and working here about twelve days. Some have been saved. Several are coming to the altar. Brother Beaubie is with me now. I don't know when the meeting will close. It might run until Jesus comes. I am looking for Him any time. Brother Beaubie is preaching some wonderful sermons. I wish all who read this would stop and pray that God will stir this town and give us many souls for our hire.—Yours for Christ and His Church, William Russell Fowler.

Where The Spirit of The Lord is There is Liberty

KENNEDY, Ala.—The first Sunday in August a two weeks' revival started at Kennedy church. Brother H. M. Taylor, pastor, and Sister Mary M. Simpson were in charge. Other workers were present. Praise God for His holy divine presence that was with us. The Word of God was preached in a wonderful way. Sister Simpson preached some wonderful sermons. She was at her best. The saints did their best. The Lord blessed in every service. Many tears were shed and prayers went up by the saints. Jesus heard and answered our prayers. Seventeen were saved, twenty-one sanctified, nineteen received the Holy Ghost, six were reclaimed, twenty were added to the church, twenty were baptized in water.

Kennedy church is still progressing. It's wonderful how the power of God falls and to see the saints rejoice under the demonstration of the Holy Ghost. Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty.

We were glad to have our district overseer, Brother W. W. Harmon, from Pratt City with us. He brought forth a soul stirring message on the church. We enjoyed every message. We thank the Lord for all our visitors from different places. We give everyone a hearty welcome to come again. We have had wonderful meetings this summer. We have large crowds. People come from miles away to see and hear about Jesus. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." John 12:32.

We are thankful for our pastor, Brother H. M. Taylor. He has been faithful here this year in preaching the Word of God with power. He was afflicted for several weeks but he had faith like Job of old. He trusted God and is able to be up preaching again. We give God all the praise for His goodness to us. We are delighted and thankful for the precious souls that have been brought into the fold. We are still expecting greater times in the Lord.—An humble sister in Christ, Gertrude Newman.

Jesus Did The Great Healing

"When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldst not vow, than that thou shouldst vow and not pay." Eccl. 5:4, 5.

I promised the Lord if He would heal me of something seriously wrong, with my side I would testify to the great healing power so He raised me up from death's door. I thought my time had come and some of the folks who were with me thought the same, but I can say I was divinely healed of something. I don't know what. I didn't call any earthly doctor, I just called on Jesus and He did the great healing so I am paying my vow. I ask all who read this to help me pray that I will have faith to overcome anything that may come to me. Pray that I will be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Your brother in the Lord, M. D. Larimore, Rt. 2, Rayville, La.

for us to get this lithograph work without getting the printing done before we receive them. It is not our wishes to change the meaning of God's Word in the least. We hope all will remember this.

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Notices & Specials

Notice to all the Churches of God in Logan district and other districts as well: We are having a home coming at Lax (Crown), W. Va. Oct. 4. We are expecting every church in the district and others to be present, also all the ministers are expected to preach. Service will start at nine o'clock and last all day. There will be baptizing and dinner on the ground. Everybody welcome. Come and bring full baskets.—Faithfully, S. B. McCane, pastor.

As the Assembly is almost here and we preachers will be going to new fields, I would like to hear from some one desiring my help for another year. Will take evangelistic or pastoral work. Would like to have a small crop or would hire. I have received evangelist papers since last Assembly. Any one interested please write me before the Assembly. My address at present is J. E. Ledford, Hiwassee, Ga.

SPECIAL NOTICE
The coupon that appeared in the last issue of the Evangel for "Radiant Gems" was good for two copies only at the special rate.

Notice is hereby given to Mr. C. D. Foshee who formerly lived at 147 N. 2nd St., W. Helena, Ark., that my book on Revelation which you ordered sometime ago has been mailed to you but it is being returned because of your removal. Therefore, please send me your present address so I can re-mail your book to you.—Bun E. Hicks, Cleveland, Tenn.

"HELL" is the title of a new book just off the press. It helps to distinguish the difference between the grave, paradise, bottomless pit, and the lake of fire. Don't fail to get this book at the Assembly.—B. O. Rosenbaum, author.

To whom it may concern: I have changed my telephone number from Nevada 1353 to West 1559.—Mrs. Amelia Shumaker, 2047 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

There will be home coming and a sandwich dinner at the Church of God at Gastonia, N. C. Oct. 4. Everybody invited to come and bring a well filled basket and an offering on our church indebtedness.—C. M. Dunn, W. Gastonia, N. C.

Dear Evangel readers, I specially desire to get two song ballads if any of the Evangel readers have them. They are "Give Me the Roses While I Live" and "This Is The Church." I would like to get them very soon if possible and will appreciate it so much.—A sister in His service, Miss Inez Carter, Rt. 5, Fayetteville, N. C.

The two songs I composed will be for sale at the bookstand in sheet form during the Assembly. Proceeds of the song "Be Kind to an Orphan" go to the Orphanage.—R. L. Rexrode, Wilcox, W. Va.

We hereby notify all members of the Tarboro, N. C. Church of God to be present either in person or by letter on the second Sunday in October or their names will be dropped from the roll.—Jones Pary and G. W. Hurlings, pastor and deacon, Tarboro, N. C.

Experienced pianist wants work. Can also play guitar or tenor banjo. Am a Church of God member and filled with the Holy Ghost. If any one needs me, write S. P. Hayden, Alma, Ga.

Any one knowing the whereabouts of J. E. Oneal please write me. When last heard of he was in Florida.—G. Coggins, Box 133, Homerville, Ga.

The Church of God at McVeigh, Ky. wishes to announce that there will be home coming beginning Saturday night and continuing all day Sunday, Oct. 18. We extend a hearty welcome to all. Be sure to come and enjoy these feasts. We expect God to give us a feast for our souls while the good sisters spread a feast for the body. Come, musicians! Bring your stringed instruments and let's make a joyful noise unto the Rock of our salvation. There will be plenty of room and lots of good preaching and I'm not afraid to announce that there will be plenty to eat because these sisters are noted for their wonderful cooking and excellent dinners. Come one and all.—Mrs. Day Phillips, clerk.

Requests

I thank the Lord for salvation and for His great healing power. He has healed my body many times. I have some kind of breaking out on my body. I don't know what it is but I know the Lord can heal so I want every one who reads this to pray for my healing.—(Miss) Ethel Davis, 902 Elm St., Kannapolis, N. C.

Saints, please pray for God to save my husband. I have had the Holy Ghost ten years and have prayed for him all this time. If I haven't prayed with enough faith, help me pray the

prayer of faith.—A sister, Ethel O'Brien, Marvel, Ala.

I thank the Lord for salvation too I am only eleven years and five days old. I have a father and two brothers who haven't got salvation. Pray that they will get the blessing. Pray for mother and me to hold out faithful. I have been sick over a week. Pray earnestly that I may be healed.—A little sister in Christ, Hilda Merritt, Ferndale, Fla.

I want all who believe in divine healing to earnestly pray that the Lord will touch and heal my dear sister who has been afflicted a long time and has suffered so much. Doctors have failed but we know the Lord is able. Please pray that our faith will be increased.—Mrs. J. C. Travis, Candler, N. C.

I am glad that I am still saved and sanctified and praying for the Holy Ghost. Pray for me and my husband for we have left Radford and are here where we are not in meeting like I want to be. Pray for my mother and father, sisters and brothers to be saved for I believe Jesus is coming soon. Pray for husband and me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. S. C. Cox.

I want to be a Christian. I have two brothers and one sister who have the blessing and are in the Church of God, and I also have two brothers who are in sin. Pray for us three that we may be saved.—Dorothy Turlington, Hope Mills, N. C.

I thank the Lord for the Holy Ghost. Saints, pray a special prayer for the Lord to heal and deliver me of the test I'm now going thru. I've been trusting the Lord for over twelve months. I've been sick about two months. The Lord only knows what I've gone thru, but I believe He will heal and deliver me. He healed me over twelve months ago of a trouble I had suffered with for over eight years and doctors and three operations had failed. He also healed my eyes after I had worn glasses eight years. I have not needed glasses since, for which I do give the Lord the praise.—A sister, Mrs. Zola West, Erwin, N. C.

I praise God for what He is to me. On Monday my little girl took sick and Wednesday we all prayed and Thursday she was up playing. We give God all the praise. I am sick with a rising in my head and ask all who read this to pray for me to be healed and live for Him.—Your sister in Christ, looking for His coming, Mrs. Viola Perrilloux, Rt. 1, Ponchatoula, La.

Please pray for God to make a way for me to go to Argentina Republic and Chili. I feel the call of God to South America. I want to carry the news to them of God's wonderful church, and hear them shout the victory.—Yours in Jesus, B. C. Condron, Haskell, Texas.

I praise the Lord for His many blessings, for healing my baby. I put the Evangel on her and prayed and He healed her. I thank Him for the dear old Church of God. I want all of the saints to pray that husband and I will be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray that my husband will get work. He has not had any work for about four months. I promised God if He would give him work I would serve Him.—Georgia Mae Rawkins, 811 Slegb Ave., Tampa, Fla.

Dear saints, pray for me to be healed of asthma. I have been afflicted with this disease fifteen years. I have suffered terribly but I am still looking to God to heal me.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Exie Raulerson, Carbur, Fla.

Dear saints, when you pray remember me. I am in a backslidden condition. I don't want to go down. I was once a real child of God. Pray that God will give me faith like I once had. Pray for my children. They are out in sin.—Your sister in Christ, Maggie Kinsley, LaFayette, Ga.

Our Weapon of Warfare is Not Carnal

NASSAU, Ba.—We are more than glad to report that the Lord has given victory in a battle against the prince of darkness. Well did the apostle declare that the weapon of our warfare is not carnal but mighty. During the month of July we started a revival at Gambia, a settlement about nine miles from the city, with Brother John Davis, pastor of Free Town church, in charge, conveyance was a hired truck for about \$14.00 per week. After four weeks' continuous fighting the Lord blessed us with many souls saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Acts 2:4. On Aug. 30 our overseer set a church in order with eight members expecting an increase daily. At present we are worshipping in a rented hall hoping that the way will soon be opened for us to erect a little building. Pray for us.—Yours in His service, Sister D. Thompson.

Trusted Him Several Years

MINERAL WELLS, Tex.—I praise God this morning for His great and wonderful healing power. I am so glad I'm trusting the dear Lord for my healing. I have been trusting Him for several years.

I was taken the other Sunday morning with something like a catch in my back. I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would testify thru the Evangel and I was instantly healed. So I praise the dear Lord for healing me.

One who wants to keep humble and do what God wants me to do.—Sister M. E. Walker.

A Very Successful Meeting

McCALL, Miss.—We have just closed a very successful meeting at McCall Church of God at McCall Creek, Miss. I am sure it will take eternity alone to reveal and prove the good that has been accomplished. As the sweet songs of heaven were sung waves of glory would roll and it seemed as if heaven and earth had met and we were in the midst of it all. The meeting lasted two weeks. Eight were regenerated, three sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, six baptized in water, and four came into the church. I am sure many hearts were turned to the good way as it seemed that every nerve was being used to have a good revival. The pastor, Brother C. L. McManus, and the writer did the preaching. At each service large crowds would just seem astonished and sit spellbound.

A Baptist minister was awakened to the fact of the gift of God and was in the altar pleading for sanctification and the Holy Ghost. Many said if he got the blessing they knew it was right and if he prayed thru they would follow. God wonderfully sanctified him and filled him with the Holy Ghost with the evidence as in Acts 2:4. The meeting closed with about sixteen in the altar and the brother who had been a Baptist minister, after receiving the Holy Ghost, resumed work for the Church of God.—An humble brother in Christ Jesus, John L. Hillman.

Saints Still Praising God

SPARTA, Tenn.—Our meeting closed Aug. 2. Brother L. L. Turner conducted the meeting. The Lord wonderfully blessed in most every service. Brother Turner gave out the gospel in its fullness. The meeting continued for two weeks. Six were saved, four sanctified, three received the Holy Ghost, two came into the church and two followed the Lord in water baptism. The saints are still praising God for the great blessing. We all hope Brother Turner will come again in the future. Pray for the church at Black Oak.—Your brother in Christ, W. F. Lynn, Rt. 1, Box 26.

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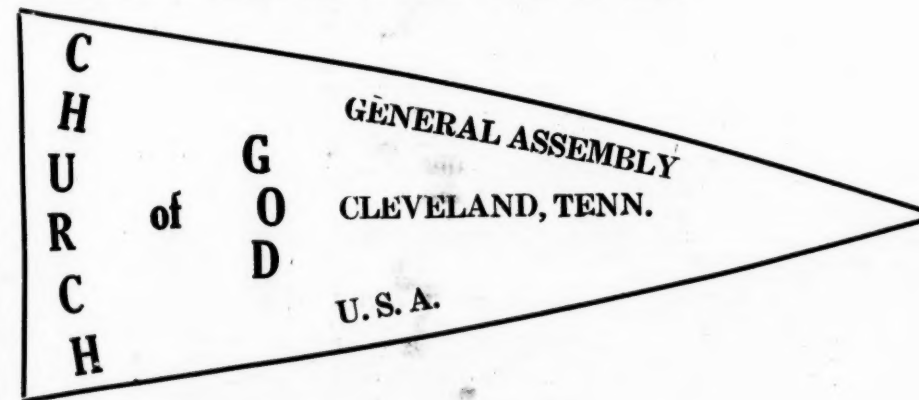
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We have had service once a month all the year and on Aug. 5, 1931 we began a revival and preached the Word uncompromisingly. Conviction fell on the people and they found their way to the altar and there made peace with God. I saw some get up from the altar and go back in the congregation and make things right with their fellowman and come back to the altar and get the blessing. The Lord blessed. I saw the power of God fall until sinners on the outside of the tabernacle felt the power of God. It made me think of the camp meeting. The result of the meeting is, twenty were saved, sixteen sanctified, eight received the Holy Ghost, twelve baptized in water, and eleven added to the church.

We closed Sunday night, Aug. 30. We had all day service and dinner on the ground. We had the Lord's Supper and feet washing that night. There was good interest all the way thru the meeting. We left the altar full of seekers. I suppose there were about five hundred people at the closing service Sunday night. Many people are looking to the Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth. The enemy fought us hard all the way thru but the saints held on to God and God gave us the victory.

We have a committee now to get the material to build us a tabernacle. We are trusting the Lord to make the way for us so we can have a building of our own. Brother J. H. Griffin and Brother S. T. Duckworth were with us one night. Brother Griffin preached us a fine sermon. Sister Annie Meeks preached two fine sermons for us. The writer did the other preaching. If you want to enjoy the Lord with us, stop by.—E. L. Hicks, pastor, Rt. 5, Box 65a.

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AND THEY SHALL TAKE UP SERPENTS

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humanity

If you are a believer, as you claim, and have already handled serpents yourself, and you were going down the road alone and were to find a poisonous serpent and take it up, what good would that do? To whom would it be a sign? Where would God get any glory out of that? Those who do such things are tempting the Lord. Jesus said, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." It is wrong for people to invite others to bring serpents for the purpose of handling or taking them up. Some have said, "Bring the serpents on and if they are too large to take up, bring a saddle and we will ride them." A person that would make statements as this ought to go to the altar, get converted and become as humble as a little child so they could enter the kingdom of heaven. When God wants a serpent handled, the serpent will be provided and God will give power to do it. When the Lord wanted St. Paul to take up a serpent He directed him to a pile of sticks. St. Paul took the sticks to put on the fire, not knowing that a viper was in the sticks, the serpent came out and bit St. Paul on the hand. The apostle shook the thing off in the fire and God healed him, or would not let the poison hurt him, and from this there was made an opening for the gospel. This kind of serpent handling is right.

We Are Walking In The Light

WARBRANCH, Ky.—In what is sometimes termed as a wilderness, some twenty odd miles from a railroad over a common country road, and fourteen miles to a standard highway in the quietness of the forest hills of Kentucky lives the writer. After finding the Christ of Calvary who brought victory to my soul in a country, log school house on the night of Oct. 13, 1914 I began walking with Jesus. As the Word of God was preached men and women received it gladly. Many from among the country hills were saved from sin and many were baptized with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues according to Acts 2:4. These holy people seemed to be getting along good but as time passed I began to notice that there came a falling away. We people of the Lord were called Free Pentecostal people, each doing as he wished, and had no way of dealing with those who erred. Seeing the need of a church I began praying and asking assistance from the Church of God. I was referred to Brother J. C. Jernigan, overseer of Kentucky, and like John the Baptist who came into the wilderness of Judea preaching the Kingdom of Christ, Brother Jernigan came on horseback at full speed to preach God's Church for us. Riding horseback fourteen miles over rough, rocky roads and crossing two big mountains he reached a point near Warbranch, Ky. in the narrow valley where he found a glad people whose prayers were heard and who were longing to hear the truth about God's Church. Brother Jernigan turned the searchlight of God's truth upon the hearts and minds of God's people and today we are walking in the light. Glory, hallelujah to God! May God's blessings for ever rest upon this inspired man of God. We are glad and happy but ask the saints to pray for our church that we may have success in the face of all opposition.—Yours in Him, B. G. Asher, clerk.

The Enemy Defeated And Victory Won

I want to report victory at this place. A few years ago when folks were shouting the victory the enemy gathered his forces and marched up on this place as an angel of light and began to throw his bombs right and left. He killed some, crippled some and drove some away, but a few held on to the Lord and He heard their

cries and came to their rescue in the person of Brother J. B. Clark from Kentucky. He came here about a year ago and looked the field over. He saw how the enemy was fixed, got the location of his dens, then he went away and made preparation for a battle, came back in February this year, set up his battery and began firing on the enemy. He kept up the fight until July 20, holding every inch of ground he got and gaining all the time. On July 20 reinforcement came in the person of Brother R. C. Ogle, our state evangelist, and Brother Marvin Porter, a promising young man from Bonne Terre, Mo. Brother Ogle set up his machine gun and began firing on the enemy. He soon shot up his ranks and he had to beat a retreat. Folks began to fall in the altar and the Lord began to bless. Nine were saved, three sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and a church set in order with twenty-seven members. More are looking this way. Brother Clark has been chosen pastor for the next year. We give God all the glory. Bless His name for evermore.—A servant of the Lord who loves the Church of God, O. C. Swadley, Rt. 1, Brighton, Mo.

A New Church At Greenwood, S. C.

GREENWOOD, S. C.—We praise the Lord for our new church which opened Aug. 8 with an all day meeting and dinner on the ground. We had a great day in the Lord. Our state overseer, Brother H. L. Whittington, was with us and preached the dedicatory sermon which was enjoyed by all. The people in Greenwood surely love Brother Whittington. Brother H. A. Smith followed with a message on "The Great Day." As Brother Smith told about the great things that awaited God's children surely they rejoiced. Then came a solo and trio, and quartets by Brother Wilkie's singers from Mountville, S. C. I believe that was the best singing I ever heard. By this time the church was filled to its capacity. We had a brother from Aiken, S. C. who preached a very enjoyable sermon. We then had dinner on the ground.

Brother Sharp, our district pastor, preached for us in the afternoon, also Brother Brogden. Brother Whittington preached Sunday night. We observed the Lord's Supper and feet washing. Sister Hanvey, our leader, and Brother Bass surely arranged a nice program. It looks as if we are going to have a great work here for the people at Greenwood like the

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God Answered Prayer

CYCLONE, W. Va.—On Aug. 10 we had a wonderful meeting to begin. We held on for three weeks. Brother Robert L. Flinchum held the revival and I am sure he is a God sent man. All loved him very much. We had large crowds every night and they seemed to be interested in our services. The Mallory saints took a great interest. They came almost every night and helped us lots. We are thankful for them and we certainly praise the Lord for the great revival for He surely did bless all along. Eight received the Holy Ghost during this time, ten were sanctified, four were saved, and twenty-five were baptized in water. We cannot praise God enough for what He has done for us. He certainly answered prayer.—A sister under the blood of Christ, Mrs. Apple Maynard, clerk and treasurer.

MEETING CLOSED WITH VICTORY

We have just closed a five days' meeting with great victory at Montague, Ala. Two were saved, three sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, six followed the Lord in water baptism. The saints shouted and talked in tongues.—Calvin Moore.

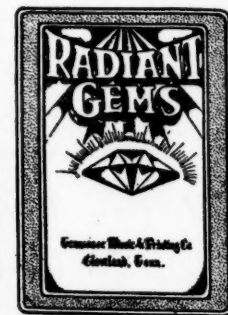
Church of God. This church was set in order less than two years ago by Brother C. E. McAbee, one whom we love dearly. We have a little more than twenty members and are expecting more soon.—Your brother in Jesus, H. L. Smith, 102 Bailey St.

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Obituaries

PULLAM

On Tuesday night, Sept. 8, while all was quiet and still the death angel visited the home of Sister Alma Pullam of Avon Park, Fla. and claimed for its victim her husband, J. B. Pullam. He had once known the Lord but turned away so all during his sickness he would call for the saints to pray for him and he asked them to fast. They did and the Lord heard their prayers and wonderfully saved and sanctified him and about a week before his death gave him the blessed Holy Ghost. He was very weak but he praised and blessed God and from then on seemed to be happy in Jesus.

He will be missed in his home and at church. Not long before his death one Sunday in Y. P. E. he sang a song when he could hardly get breath to walk to the church. He loved the church and was always ready to cheer the faint-hearted. His funeral was held in the Church of God at Avon Park conducted by the pastor, Brother J. L. Darman, assisted by Brother I. T. Williams, and his body was laid to rest in the Boganville cemetery. He leaves to mourn his loss a dear little Christian wife and a young son.

Sleep on, dear brother; weep no more down here,
Look for your loved ones to meet you up there.

—A friend who dearly loves this family, Mrs. Allen Johnson, Bx. 186, Nocatee, Fla.

PREVATT

On July 4, 1931 God called to Himself Lester Prevatt, aged four years and nine days. Even though suffering intensely for more than a week, Lester bore all patiently and awaited with childlike faith the healing which he expected to come. But as has often been true in times past, God worketh His will in a way too mysterious for us to understand. Lester was chosen and given an entrance into that heavenly kingdom where the troubles of earth have no power to molest. During his illness Lester was visited by his Sunday School teacher, and the interest he manifested convinced her that even a small child can love God with wholehearted sincerity. The bereaved can not sorrow as those who have no hope of a future meeting. Every member of Lester's family know that beyond the realm of a few brief years they may again see him purer and fairer for having never felt the blighting influence of mortal sin and sorrow. The funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Brother J. B. Ellis at the Church of God tabernacle, and the little body was laid to rest in the Fellowship cemetery to there await the great resurrection morning.

May these lines bring comfort to the hearts that feel the loss most keenly:

Oh, deem not they are blessed alone
Whose lives a peaceful tenor keep;
The Power who pities man has shown
A blessing for the eyes that weep.

Nor let the good man's trust depart,
Tho' life its common gifts deny,
Tho' with a pierced and bleeding heart,
And spurned of men, he goes to die.

For God has marked each sorrowing day,
And numbered each secret tear,
And Heaven's long age of bliss shall pay
For all His children suffer here.

And this has almost dried my tears,
To know that He who loves thee best
Has called thee in thy early years
To perfect and eternal rest.

And sent a messenger who waits
To lead thee thru the golden gates;
And tho' my lonely heart will ache
I will be glad for thy sweet sake.

This brief memorandum has been written by a friend of the bereaved family, and one who is sister to the mother through the everlasting bonds of Christian fellowship.—Louisa Ransone, Wimauma, Fla.

CARPENTER

On July 38, 1931 the death angel visited the home of Hugh Carpenter and claimed his wife, Laura Carpenter, 54 years, 7 months and 2 days old. She leaves to mourn her death husband, an adopted son, five sisters, one brother and many loved ones and a host of friends. It made our hearts sad to give sister up. We loved her so dearly but we know it was God's will not ours. I feel some day I will see sister in that home of the blest where there will be no more pain, no more tears. Her body was laid in the family cemetery to await the coming of Jesus. The funeral service was conducted by a Baptist minister, Harry Bird.

Oh how bad we miss you
While on earth we stay,
It's joy to know we can meet you
Again in heaven some sweet day.

From our presence you have been taken
And in Christ have fallen asleep,
Yet when we think of your departure
We can't help but weep.—Her sister, Rosa Spurlock.

HODGE

On Sept. 5 the death angel visited

the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell of E. Chattanooga and claimed for his victim our Sister Elizabeth Hodge. Sister Hodge leaves to mourn her departure two daughters, three sons, a number of grandchildren, other relatives and a host of friends. She was a member of the Church of God at Sale Creek, Tenn. She lived true to her profession for a number of years. She was eighty-five years of age and was loved by all who knew her. The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, the writer, of Dayton, Tenn. assisted by Brother Lea McGill of E. Chattanooga, Tenn. and her body was laid to rest in the Rodgers cemetery at Sale Creek, Tenn. To await the great resurrection of the righteous.—E. H. Long.

COLLINS

On August 27, 1931 the death angel visited the home of Mack and Eula Collins of St. Charles, Va. and claimed their darling little baby boy. He was just a bud on earth to bloom in heaven. We know our loss is heaven's gain.

The morn when all shall live
And sing of that eternal day,
We who live as you have lived
Will not be turned away.

—Aunt Lucy Buford, Kenner, Ky., Bx. 136.

GOOLSBY

Samuel W. Goolsby was born March 12, 1884 and passed away at his home in Plymouth, Fla. Sept. 1, 1931. His body was laid to rest Sept. 2 in the McDannal cemetery to await the coming of Jesus. He leaves to mourn his death his wife, two sons, one daughter, other relatives, and a host of friends. He was a kind husband and good father and peaceful neighbor. We wish to extend our sympathy to the family. May God's richest blessing rest upon you all and comfort you in your sad hour is our prayer.—Mrs. and Mrs. P. B. Lewis, Zellwood, Fla.

GATES

On Nov. 7, 1930 the death angel visited the home of Mr. Lee Gates and claimed for its victim our dear mother. She was seventy-one years of age. She was married to J. J. Johnson in early life. To this union were born fifteen children. Five died in infancy and one at the age of eighteen. Father died March 31, 1912 at the age of sixty-six years. Father lived a good Christian life. Mother left a real testimony that she was going to be with Jesus.

Yes, dear mother, we loved you dearly,
But we know Jesus loved you best,
And we know you are sleeping
With the faithful and the blest.

Precious father, how we miss you
And it seems we can't forget,
And our hearts are often broken
And our eyes overflow with tears.

—One who loved them, their daughter, Mrs. H. W. Litton, Box 553, Coeburn, Va.

MANN

On March 1, 1931 Bill Mann was shot by the enemy and died March 2, 1931 in the Paintsville, Ky. hospital. He left behind a testimony that assures us that he got saved. He prayed hard and fell asleep, then opening his eyes he said, "I saw the Lord, I am ready to go." He was twenty-one years, eleven months and two days of age. He leaves a father, mother, three brothers, six sisters, other relatives and friends. His mother is a Church of God woman. She needs our prayers.—One who loved him, his cousin, Wardie Mann, Sunman, Ind.

NEW

On June 11 the death angel visited the hospital in Marietta, Ga. and claimed for its victim my dear mother, Mrs. Ella New. Mother was fifty-two years old and had been a member of the Church of God for about twenty years. She was among some of the first to accept holiness in its fullness when it was preached at Toonigh, Ga. She lived a true Christian life during these many years. Although her sufferings and trials at times were great, she bore them with patience and wore a smile so sweet. She is gone where there are no hospitals and no sickness, but she is not forgotten, her memory lingers near. Never can we forget her kindness, her tender love and care. She is survived by her devoted husband, three children, several grandchildren and a host of friends. Dear saints, everywhere, please pray for the bereaved ones of this family, especially the lost ones, that they may prepare to meet mother again some day.—Her daughter, Mrs. Rhodes Leuford.

BACK

On Sept. 6, 1931 the death angel visited our home and claimed for its victim our dear mother, Mrs. Nancy Back. She was born Nov. 23, 1872, being fifty-eight years, eight months, and fourteen days of age. She was united in marriage to Green Back Sept. 19, 1887. To this union were born ten children, three of which preceded her to the great beyond. She leaves to mourn her loss seven children, her husband, twenty grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives. Mother was saved in early life and joined the Baptist church but about twelve years ago she saw the light on holiness and

LIFE

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tience and even his wife who should have been his closest friend told him to curse God and die. Job 2:9. His friends gave him no encouragement and with all his opposition Job was faithful. My friends, when opposition and discouragement are facing us from every side, let us then be faithful and remember Brother Job. Tho' he was afflicted from the crown of his head to the sole of his foot and had lost all his property he was winner before the fight was over and so will it be with us if we be faithful.

Another valley is that of trials. 1st Peter 4:12. Here we are told to think it not strange concerning the fiery trials which shall try us. 1 Peter 1:7 reads, "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." The trials of life are many but are necessary to try our faith. God wants, expects, and will have a tried people. Hallelujah! After several real hard trials we can come forth as gold and be real material for God and His cause.

Then there is the valley of persecutions. 2 Tim. 3:12, "Yes, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." Yes, persecution goes along with Christian living. I often think of the persecution our forefathers bore and experienced. Hundreds of them died and suffered a martyr's death that you and I might have and enjoy the blessed privileges of salvation. All the apostles and even Christ Himself experienced it. I can almost see Stephen, the first Christian martyr, as he was being stoned and the glory of God shining in his face. Acts 7:54-60. I wonder how it would be with many of us should we have the test which he had. The Apostle Paul on one occasion was stoned and dragged out of the city for dead. Acts 14:19. But he was not dead and later he became the greatest apostle to the Gentiles and wrote thirteen books of the New Testament. His life still lives in and with us. All the apostles died in the valley of persecution except John and he was banished by Domitian to the Isle of Patmos in 95 A. D. for the Word of God. While his enemies thought they were thru with him, he wrote one of our most interesting books of the Bible, Revelation. We all are to suffer persecution if we live godly and Christlike. 2 Tim. 3:12.

The valley of doubt is another valley which most Christians experience. Even the eleven disciples of Jesus after His resurrection and appearing unto them, did not believe it to be Jesus. Mark 16:14. John the Baptist on one occasion began to doubt Christ, after he had preached of His coming and the work He would perform. Matt. 11:2, 3. Thomas was doubting very often even after he had been with Jesus for about three years and had seen many wonderful things.

Now comes the valley of death, Psa. 23:4. Perhaps this is the darkest picture of the valleys. Both righteous and wicked must pass thru this valley. While death appears to be a dark picture and really it is, it is appointed unto man once to die but after this the judgment. Heb. 9:27. Beloved, just to die would not be so bad if that were all. There are hundreds tonight as I pen these lines who would be glad to step off the stage of action if death would end it all, but the fear of judgment checks them. The thought of judgment and the hereafter causes them to stop and consider the question. Even our Christ passed thru this valley of death and soon you and I will follow. My dear friends, it is not all mountain top experience in this Christian race. Neither is it all shouting. We need to be ready for the rocky gorges and dark valleys of life.

Have you ever stopped to think just what life cost? Perhaps you have in some ways. But for every living thing whether it be human or animal, fish or even soil, some other life has to be given that life may continue. Fish live on smaller fish; animals on smaller animals and vegetation; human beings on animals, vegetation, etc. This is, as you see, true in the natural sense and is also true with the spiritual. Thousands of lives have been given that you and I might enjoy salvation in its fullness, but the greatest of all was the price Jesus paid on the cross for our redemption. "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." Brother, sister, friend, since we aren't our own and do not even own our own lives, oh how careful we should be that we use that which belongs to

joined the Church of God at Quick-sand, Ky. She was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. She was a loyal member and liked to go to church when she was able to attend. She was loved by all who knew her. She was sick about nine months but bore her suffering with patience. She told father about two days before her death that she couldn't stay with him much longer but she was ready to go and there was nothing in her way. Her remains were laid to rest in the Powells Valley cemetery at this city to await the coming of Jesus. Funeral services were conducted by Brother West of Winchester, Ky.—One who loved her dearly, Leslie Back, Millstone, Ky.

SPIRITUAL WATCHMEN

"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." Matt. 25:13. "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth." Rev. 16:15.

The above scriptures give us both a blessed promise and a solemn warning. It renews the priceless Christian hope of His return and also makes us realize that there is no time for foolish joking, jesting, or idleness, but that we must be up and about our Father's business. The more I read the Word of God and compare it with the happenings of today the more I realize the necessity of heeding the solemn warning, "Watch." Friends, surely we are living in the very twilight of the last days. The Gentile age is almost completely expired. The open door seems to be closing fast as the hearts of men are becoming harder and harder against the Word of God.

We look at the world today as she is wrapped in wickedness and sin. It is anything else but contented. There is no country today that has confidence in its safety. They are all a whirling mass of nervous people expecting something to happen. What is the matter? They have rejected the love and mercy of the Almighty God and sin is abounding. They are now getting a small foretaste of the awful wrath of God which the Word tells us about.

After reading the reports from Russia of the persecutions it makes me realize and appreciate the blessings of the Lord more. Sometimes we think we are not able to carry our burdens and we think our trials are too hard but God said His grace was sufficient. Praise His dear name! Friends, when we are tried and tempted let us get on our knees in earnest, sincere prayer to God and ask for more of His wonderful grace. The devil knows that he has most of the world in his power and also that he only has a short time to work so therefore he is making the trials and tests as hard as God will permit him, trying to deceive the true Christians. But God said if we would keep the Word of His patience He would keep us from the hour of temptation.

I do not believe the wrath of God will be stayed very much longer. When He sees it is enough He will send Jesus of Nazareth. His only begotten Son, in power and great glory to catch away those who have watched and have kept themselves unspotted from the world. That will be a glorious time. "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matt. 24:27. We'll have no time to straighten up or go back to the altar and pray thru again. And if we are left to go thru the great day of the Lord's wrath it will be because we did not watch and pray. God help us to pray lest we enter into temptations.—A brother in Christ and a Y. P. E. booster, R. E. Fletcher.

Have Found Something Better

MELROSE, N. Mex.—I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. I feel good in my soul. I am saved, sanctified, and have the Holy Ghost. I trust the Lord with both soul and body. God wonderfully healed me of a serious headache for which I give Him all the praise. I am so glad I ever found a true and living God. He is so good to me. I want to be good and live true to Him.

Pray for God to give my boy the blessing. He once had it but backslid. We are living in the last days and the soon coming of Jesus is close at hand. I want to be ready to go when Jesus comes or calls.

I am glad God led me to His Church, the Church of God. I love her doctrine and teachings. I am glad God gave me a full and free salvation and a pure heartfelt religion that will keep all the time. I don't care anything about the worldly goods. I have found something better. We must dress in a holiness way to please Jesus. Jesus is all and all to me. I am glad I am in the gloryland way. How happy we feel when we walk and talk and live with Jesus.

Our state overseer, Brother Drake, was with us two nights this week. He set a church in order with ten members. We were glad to have Brother Drake back here with us again. I am glad he came to our rescue. Bro. Drake is a good preacher. I pray God will send us a preacher like him. Brother Drake is doing lots of good work in the state. We pray for our little church here in Melrose to grow and shine for Jesus.

I want all the dear saints to pray for the Lord to heal my body if it is His will. Pray for me to stand true until Jesus comes and pray for my family to be saved before it is too late. I want to stay humble at the feet of Jesus until He comes.—Your sister in the Church of God, Mrs. Bertha Smith.

God with much care and honor. Be very careful and prayerful with our life which is not ours but God's. Amen.

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JAMAICA

The Largo district convention convened at the Tay Mount Tabernacle, August 25-27. Brother Mundle, the pastor, met us at the railway station at 11:30 a. m. with a beast to carry us out. The bright rays of the tropical sun met and greeted us also in a way that is not easily forgotten, as this year has been extremely warm in this section. We journeyed up the mountain side until we reached the tabernacle where I took refuge in the little parsonage for a few hours' rest and partook of some refreshments. By and by the saints began to gather and the Lord began to bless in a wonderful way, and continued to bless in each service from start to finish.

ANOTHER NEW CHURCH IN JAMAICA

On Sept. 8, when leaving the train at the railway station we started on a journey of seventeen miles over the mountains. We met with much rain along the way, which caused much mud and the mountain trails were very slick. At different places it seemed that it would be impossible for the beast to stand on his feet or make his step from boulder to boulder on the steep mountain side which lay before him, however God was there and we thank Him, altho' thru much difficulty we finally reached the place where we found a band of people anxiously waiting for and willing to receive the truth. Here we set the

Church of God in order with sixteen members and many more we believe will come in later. They also turned their church building over to the Church of God which is possibly worth a little less than forty pounds. The work in Jamaica certainly needs your prayers.—Z. R. Thomas, Overseer of Jamaica, B.W.I.

Dear Evangel readers, greetings in the precious name of our Lord. Just a few lines to let you know that the missionary work at Key West, Fla. is marching along nicely and God is blessing in a wonderful way. We are Church of God members and we have been in the way for seven years. The Lord has put it on our hearts to preach to the Spanish people. We rented a place and the work has been going on for eight weeks. The Lord has saved one Spanish man and he surely is a blessing to his people. Wife and I do the preaching and our seven children help out a lot. We are only ninety miles from Havana, Cuba. We want all who read this to pray that God will supply all needs. We need Sunday School literature and have got benches to pay for. We need hymn books and Bibles in Spanish, so all who read this please pray that God will work and supply what we need to carry on this work.—Your humble brother, Chas. E. Lazo, 1124 Watson St., Key West, Fla.

Old Time Religion At Ft. Green, Fla.

I praise God for His tender mercy and for His love which is great. I praise Him for the many blessings He has bestowed on me and on this entire community. I desire to make a report of these blessings, of at least some of them, hoping that those of you who read it may be encouraged to press on with the good work.

For many years there has been a small band of holiness people here who have braved all persecutions and have diligently prayed that God would in some way bring about a change in this community and their prayers are being answered daily. Glory be to God! It has been only a few months since these holiness people obtained the use of the Baptist church house at Ft. Green Springs and began to have preaching and Sunday School in it. Since then they have bought and paid for that church and have also made extensive repairs on it.

They established a Young People's Endeavor which has been a great blessing from the beginning and it was the Young People's Endeavor who bought a piano and donated it to the church. The attendance at Sunday School Sunday Aug. 30 was two hundred forty-two. The presence of the Lord has been in each and all of the meetings and they have been real blessings to this spiritually starved community. We just closed a meeting Sunday Sept. 6 which went beyond all that I've ever witnessed or heard of. Many testified that they had not seen the like in years. Yes, glory to God, we had a revival and though the preachers, Brother W. R. and Sister Ida Mae Haddock, have gone on to preach the Word at other places, we continue to have a revival in our homes and wherever we are. I thank the Lord for a salvation that is with me in the field as well as at the church. Brother and Sister Haddock surely did some preaching. The Holy Spirit was with them in this meeting. May God bless them wherever they go as He did here. I want the whole world to know that I am now one of His blessed children. Glory to God ten thousand times.

The meeting hadn't been going but a few nights before the altar was full and it stayed that way. The power of the Lord was with us continually. Twenty-seven received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, twenty-nine were baptized with water, between forty and fifty were saved and forty-three united with the church. Others are expect-

ed to unite. Shouting and great rejoicing reigned at this meeting. We had only one thing to regret and that was that we didn't have enough room to seat the people. Even on rainy nights the house was crowded and on Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night the house would not hold half the people, I don't think. The meeting was something wonderful. The singing was beyond expressing, with the choir made up mostly of young converts. I nearly shout now when I think of how they looked. I wish that every man and woman whose soul is burdened with sin could have seen them and heard them sing. And we certainly thank the St. Myers quartet for the valuable service they rendered, also the musicians from Largo. The meeting spread to such an extent that the children and young people began having prayer during noon hour at the public school and several were saved and sanctified and one received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in the school house. Oh it was wonderful!

We praise God for the many blessings He has rained down on this spiritually starved community in the last month. His presence is with us continually and His power is manifested in that some sick have been healed. The saints did much praying and fasting in this meeting and where this is done the power is felt. We desire to thank the many saints who came and worshiped and sought with us from all around. Many came from fifty and sixty miles away. I just want everybody to know that we have been wonderfully blessed and that we are praising God with all our very beings. We want all who know the worth of prayer to pray for us that we will ever continue to uphold the blood stained banner of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.—Yours in the service of our King, C. Ed. Stewart.

God Added His Blessings

ROY, Ky.—The Freedom church has been greatly benefited by a revival which has just closed here. Brother Statum and Sister Thomas did the preaching and they certainly gave out the gospel. God added His blessings and we had a great meeting. The power fell as on the day of Pentecost and everyone seemed to be endued with power from on high.

On Aug. 23 Brother Statum set a church in order with twelve members. Everyone seems to be interested in building up the church. We feel that a great work will be done here.—Genus Tucker, clerk.

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